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## THE ORDER OF BUFFALOES.

Origin of the Famous Order—Herodotus, Father of History, Devoted Three Volumes to the Society.

The man who is not a Buffalo in this day and age is, figuratively speaking, a dead one. The order has reached such immense proportions that some data in regard to its origin might be of interest to the present generation, says a contemporary writer. Herodotus, "the father of history," devoted three volumes of his books explaining the workings of this noble order. The "workings" have continued to be the salient feature of its members.

The career of the organization has been marked with many changes of fortune, but its influence has always been potent in the greatest events in history and the leaders of the present, as well as former times, have belonged to this society. Among prominent statesmen and philosophers who have worn this order's badge let it be sufficient to mention Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Caesar, Cicero, Washington, Jefferson, Webster, Clay, Edmund Burke, Pocahontas, Teddy Roosevelt, Croker and Marous Aurelius Hanna. Arnold committed treason because "Mad Anthony" Wayne blackballed him, and Burr fell from honor from jealousy of Jefferson, then "Most Eminent Nux."

The organization varies somewhat in different localities, but its "spirit" is always the same. Its meetings are held at irregular hours and its business is problematical. It seems that historians vary somewhat in regard to the exact date when the organization was founded. Some say the order dates back before the time of Socrates and affirm that he was an assiduous "worker" among the non-members of the herd, while the latter day historians give the following version of the Buffaloes:

The order was organized by eleven traveling salesmen on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the year of 1111, and the initiation is 11 cents.

The distress signal of the order is: Thumb of left hand to forehead. The answer: Thumb of left hand to nose. The signal for the order of Buffaloes is: Place the left hand on the left side and ask: "Are you a Buffalo?" The answer is: "You bet." And then the quotation varies: "Where have you traveled?" "Over the western plains good and plenty." "Is there any other means by which you can assure me you are a good Buffalo in good standing?" Answer by the grip and shake. Always shake with the left hand. Authorities on the "doings" of the order, say it is wise to use the left mit in all shrines of Bacchus on "test" occasions. Failure to do this cost Teddy Roosevelt \$11 for sweet cider when he joined the order.

When meeting another Buffalo, or saying goodby, failure to use the left hand submits the unthoughtful member to a fine of lemonade to the crowd. In laying down money in payment always have tails up; failing to do this, another Buffalo can claim the money and buy whatever he likes. One of the strongest rules of the order forbids the officer conducting the initiation ceremony from giving back any change to the candidate, no matter what amount is tendered.

The person who can read the Buffalo button, which is a composite animal formed from eleven others, is one of the boys. He must be able to begin at the left hind foot and end at that point.

### Origin of Easter Hats.

To neglect the putting on of some entirely new article of dress on Easter Sunday was regarded by the English of olden times as sure to bring bad luck, and certainly this is one of the practices which has lost nothing with the increase of years. Only now it has been slightly altered, so that to have no new clothes to exhibit at the Easter parade is considered sufficiently bad luck in itself, without the fear of any further misfortunes that may result from it. After donning their new Easter garments the English country people dined off tansy pudding and bacon or tansy pudding and "good red herring," the tansy being the symbol of the bitter herbs commanded to be eaten at the Paschal feast.

Gage Down Corsets, are the Best, the Handsomest, the Standard.

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Gage Down fancy colors.  
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Gage Down circle hip.  
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All these and more at C. M. Millisack's, special agent for Goodland.

### Teachers' Will Meet.

The Sherman County Teachers' association will hold their regular monthly meeting in the city school building to-morrow afternoon.

## THE DISTRICT COURT.

The Entire Docket Disposed of in One Day—The Jury Was Not Called in Any of the Cases.

The district court convened Monday and finished its work Monday evening, making the shortest term of court in the history of the county. There were only three cases on the criminal docket and 18 on the civil docket.

The case of the state of Kansas against Mary E. Phillips for assault on her stepdaughter, was called, but the defendant, having removed to Colorado, did not appear. The bond of \$200 was declared to be forfeited, and the court directed the sheriff to sue on the bond and to collect for default of appearance. W. H. Wellman is the bondsman.

The case of Frank Bush, the colored boy who stole a railway velocipede at Edson, was tried. The boy pleaded guilty and was sent to the reform school until 21 years of age. He is now about 16 years of age.

The third case was on a peace warrant. The case was discharged and costs taxed equally to William Diekruger and U. H. Bienhoff, the parties to the case. This concluded the criminal docket. The jury empaneled was not called and the cases were disposed of by the court.

There were two divorce cases, Viola G. Sills against John R. Sills, for abandonment; and Lizzie Thompson against Signor Thompson, cruelty and non-support. Divorce was granted in both cases, made absolute after six months. The cases were both experts, defendants not appearing or contesting.

The results of the civil cases were: C. F. Weber vs. J. D. Cullins, action for debt, dismissed at cost to plaintiff; replevin against Bowman and Seely, and foreclosure, Haney against Seely, were settled and cases dismissed; foreclosure Smith Bros. Loan & Trust company vs. G. B. Dickey, dismissed; action for debt in cases of Hostetter vs. Rust and Feldman vs. Harms were continued; the foreclosure case of Christie and McGeoch against W. Kunz, judgment for plaintiff was given. In two McKinley Lanning foreclosure cases judgment was rendered for plaintiff, and in two sheriff's sales, McKinley Lanning, sales were confirmed. Peter Robidoux vs. J. R. Vogan, injunction, dismissed, costs to plaintiff; Mills vs. Taylor, confirmation of sale was declared not at issue. Axel G. Stephenson vs. Edwin J. Johnson, foreclosure, judgment for plaintiff for \$3,300. This case is rather remarkable. It embraces the old Eastis town site, which was patented by W. H. Parkhurst, and laid out as a town site. When he failed the land in question was one of the assets. The obligation was purchased by Stephenson, who foreclosed and secured tax certificate to perfect title on the land. The showing made makes it one of the most valuable quarters of land in Sherman county. It is understood that Mr. Stephenson has traded the property for a farm near Winfield.

The jury expenses of the term only amounted to \$16.75, both per diem and mileage, making not only the shortest but also the least expensive of any term of court ever held in the county.

### Taken to Reform School.

Sheriff William Walker, Jr., went to Topeka Monday night with Frank Bush, the colored boy who was sentenced to the reform school.

### The Easter Bonnet.

Sing to the Easter bonnet  
With a lot of strings upon it  
New and bright,  
And the avenue parade  
Of the maidens all arrayed  
For the sight.  
For sweet the Easter faces  
That brighten up the places  
Where they go.  
With their nodding and their smiling  
And our mannish hearts beguiling.  
As they know.  
Not a man but likes the showing  
Of the bonnets in their going  
Up the street,  
And our admiration rightly  
Do we give—the sight is slightly  
And a treat.  
So let's hang the bills for dollars  
That are stiff enough for collars,  
Yes, and high.  
And pray for decent weather  
For the witching maiden's feather—  
So say I.  
For I loved one Easter bonnet  
With a lot of strings upon it.  
Bright and gay,  
For the face that's just below it,  
And I care not if you know it.  
Right away.

—Phillip Verrill Mighels.

### Spring Goods.

Every season it has been our earnest aim and effort to secure the best and most desirable goods. Our efforts this season surely have been crowned with success, as our lines of new spring stuff now on display surpasses any and all past efforts. We cannot do justice to attempt description. We cordially invite you in to see the goods.

C. M. MILLISACK.

### Taken Up.

Twenty-three head of two and three-year-old steers, branded on left hip with D bar, at Warren postoffice.

G. G. GANBERT.

## THE CITY ELECTION.

The Crusaders Elect Mayor and Police Judge, But Succeeded in Getting Only One Member of the Council.

Tuesday was bright and pleasant for the city election, but the walks and streets were sloppy and carriages were busy all day taking the voters to the polls. There was quite a lively canvass for votes for the different offices and the women crusaders were stirring all day to carry their ticket, the "Citizens," to success. There was some skirmishing done for the "Independent Ticket," representing the business men's interest in the election. There was no acrimony in the contest but a lively interest was taken in the result which was as follows:

The citizens' ticket succeeded in electing mayor, police judge, and one councilman. The independent ticket elected three councilmen and three members of the school board, on some of the latter, however, there was no contest. From the official report the following is gleaned:

For mayor, J. S. Ellenberger, citizens' ticket, elected over H. H. Floyd, independent ticket, by 8 majority. Police judge, T. P. Leonard, citizens' ticket, elected over J. H. Stewart, independent ticket, by 20 majority. In the case of M. D. Cuthbertson for justice of the peace, B. F. Brown for city treasurer, W. S. Coleman for treasurer of board of education, J. E. Webber and L. F. Cooper for constables, there was no opposition.

The election in the different wards was as follows: First ward—councilman, C. E. Swarts, no opposition; member of school board, George Hess, independent, elected over E. F. Murphy, citizens', by 13 majority. Second ward—councilman, Robert Lenon, citizens', elected over W. N. Rowe, independent, by 30 majority. Member of the school board, C. M. Millisack, independent, no opposition. Third ward—councilman, W. M. Blodgett, independent, elected over William Hogeboom, citizens', by 20 majority. Councilman, unexpired term, J. M. Jewell, independent, elected over E. E. Donly, citizens', by 14 majority. Member of the school board P. J. McBride, no opposition.

On the independent ticket three candidates were defeated, mayor, police judge and councilman of the Second ward. On the citizens' ticket there were three defeated candidates, member of the school board in the First ward and two councilmen in the Third ward. The independent has all the councilmen except one, and including cases of no contest all the members of the school board. The citizens' ticket won on mayor and police judge. The independent ticket has a decided advantage in the results of the election. The mayor has the appointment of the following offices: City clerk, city attorney, city assessor, city engineer, city marshal and street commissioner. The concurrence of the city council in these appointments is the usual procedure and custom, however.

## SMALLPOX SPREADS.

Ira Austin and a Son of William Dusenberry Have the Disease—Both Mild Cases.

Last week it was thought that the smallpox had been stamped out for good in the county, and Health Officer Farrow had given out that after proper disinfection and fumigation he would release the Fletcher, Dimmitt and Johnson families from quarantine and the contagion would end. The storm prevented the health officer from carrying out the plan.

Last Friday young Dusenberry, who has been working for William Farrow, who lives southwest of Goodland, came to town Friday to see Dr. Farrow. The doctor found him broken out with smallpox, and sent him home to his folks, who live northeast of town. Both the Farrow and Dusenberry families have been quarantined. The young man has the varioloid, a mild form of smallpox, but just as contagious as cases of a more virulent type.

Monday Dr. Smith was called to G. H. Austin's, who lives near Edson, to treat his son, Ira, who had been teaching in the southwest part of the county, and had returned home sick. It was thought the case might be smallpox and the doctor was instructed by the health officer to quarantine the family if the suspicion proved correct. Dr. Smith found the case to be one of smallpox and the family was accordingly quarantined.

So far as is at present known this is the extent of the recent spread of the disease. Dr. Farrow released the Dimmitt, Fletcher and Johnson families from quarantine Wednesday.

### Commissioners in Session.

The board of county commissioners were in regular quarterly session at the county clerk's office Monday and Tuesday. The regular routine work and allowing of claims was the only business before the board. They adjourned to meet again Monday, April 8, when the county high school question will probably be taken up.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

Mrs. H. A. Bowman arrived here from Nebraska Tuesday.

Mrs. H. P. Gandy has joined her husband in Goodland.

Mrs. A. G. Adams returned from a visit to Hiawatha, Kan., last week.

Dr. Gandy has established an office in his residence opposite the opera house.

Sam Vassar shipped in 30 head of cattle last week. He bought them in Norton county.

Mrs. C. W. Jupe left Wednesday evening for a visit with relatives in Phillipsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reed have gone to housekeeping in their residence on the north side.

Orvil Wileman has again assumed the position of driver of the only hack that Goodland possesses.

Mrs. M. V. Skinner, of Colorado Springs, wife of Train dispatcher Skinner, arrived here Tuesday.

Frank Dawson was at his ranch on the Smoky Tuesday. His cattle withstood the storm in good shape.

Miss Mable Keller, who has been teaching school in Colorado, is in town the guest of her sister, Mrs. Barsby.

David T. Evans, the sailor, who is waiting here for transportation to New York, is temporarily employed by H. H. Auer & Son.

E. A. Hurd, of Houston, Tex., who has been visiting his brother, Fred Hurd, of this county, left Wednesday for his home in Texas.

Mrs. C. M. Swearingen, of Sidney, Ia., who has been here a couple of weeks looking after property interests, left for her home yesterday.

George Woodhouse, of Iowa, brother of Guy Woodhouse, a cattleman of Wallace county, was in the city Monday en route to Sharon Springs.

Fred Glover, of Atwood, manager for the Seigel Sanders Livestock Commission company, reports the loss of 50 head of cattle in the late blizzard.

E. S. Knight, record clerk in the secretary of state's office, was able to be out of his room yesterday. He has been sick a week—Sunday's Topeka Capital.

W. E. Frazer, of Concordia, has leased Frank Dawson's ranch on the Smoky, and will handle Mr. Dawson's stock together with 100 head of cattle of his own.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cullins have returned from an extended visit to their former home in Fulton county, Ill. They also visited relatives in Missouri.

H. C. Varner, a market man of St. Francis, Kan., and M. M. Mellinger, of Cheyenne county, were in Goodland Thursday on their way home from a trip through Wyoming, Idaho and Utah.

Lewis Farrow, James Walker and Hugh Elliott composed a hunting party last Sunday. Their game was rabbits and with several greyhounds they succeeded in capturing 17 of Br'er Rabbit.

Judge C. W. Smith returned to his home in Stockton Monday evening. Mrs. Smith, the stenographer for the court, did not come with Mr. Smith as there were no need of her services by the court.

Lon Marsh, of Washington township, who removed to Wayne county, Ia., a year ago, has returned to his farm in this county and will put in a large acreage of wheat.

John Hartzler, an attorney, until recently of Goodland, but who is now located at Salina, was here this week attending to a few foreclosure cases in the district court.

F. S. Crane, who has been an employee in the shops a few months, left Monday for Clyde, Kan., where he will be employed by the Clyde Republican. He is a printer and is a brother of Mrs. H. K. Adams, of this city.

C. T. Rule, of Kanorado, was in town Friday and left that night for Caldwell, Kan., where he will be associated with C. F. Weber in the grain business. Mr. Rule will remove his family to Caldwell about April 15.

Dr. and Mrs. Rae Thomas left Tuesday for Kiowa, Kan., where they will locate, and the doctor practice dentistry. Although a young man Dr. Thomas is well up in his profession and will surely meet with success in his new location.

Mrs. William Walker, Jr., was the host at a sleigh riding party last Friday. The party was composed of a number of her lady friends and she contrived used, a "bob sleigh," reminded some of the party the good times enjoyed in the same way at former homes where opportunities of this kind were more frequent.

Henry Robidoux, a retail hay dealer whose ranch is on the Smoky, brought a load of hay to town Monday. This bringing the hay to town is nothing unusual for Henry, but when one considers the snow and slush in which the heavy load had to be hauled through, it is quite another thing. It required a four-horse team to handle the load.

Charley Smith is outside guard in the Order of Buffaloes. At a meeting of the society Saturday night his generalship and physical powers were taxed in an effort to keep the ladies' auxiliary from breaking into an initiation. His experience with the Lost Dog society stood him well in hand and the hold that he secured upon the intruders prevented the invasion after a hard struggle, and the Buffaloes were saved.

### Notice to Clean Up.

Notice is hereby given to all owners of property in the city of Goodland, and to all occupants of property within the city limits, that their premises must be cleaned up by April 15; and all refuse manure piles, and filth of every sort must be removed, or the Board of Health will proceed to hire this work done and the cost for the same will be charged up against the premises and duly collected.

W. H. FARROW,  
County Health Officer.

## RAILROAD SPIKES.

Freight business is good. The pile driver has been repaired and was sent east Tuesday.

Fireman Milt Peterson has taken a vacation and has gone to Denver.

Boilermaker Ted Griffin was at Limon Saturday to mend an engine.

Engine 545 went into the shops for general repair and will not be out for some time.

Operator W. C. Edwards, formerly of Goodland, has been transferred from Liberal to Caldwell.

Business has been quite lively this week at the Depot hotel, the trade being mostly traveling men.

Lee Baker has gone to Goodland where he has secured a job in the roundhouse.—Burlington (Col.) Republican.

Frank Gandy, formerly a brakeman here, is now employed in a similar capacity with the Santa Fe at Dodge City.

Division Superintendent Smith was making acquaintance with Goodland Wednesday. He came up town and got shaved.

Mrs. Baldwin, the wife of T. M. Baldwin, of the dining car management, left Wednesday morning for a visit to Victor, Col.

J. W. Thomas, formerly conductor on this division, but now holding a similar position on the Pratt division, is here to see his family.

Rumors of the consolidation of the Santa Fe and Rock Island are current. W. G. Purdy, president of the Rock Island, denies the rumor.

Mrs. Wickersham, wife of Conductor J. Wickersham, is expected home Monday. She has been visiting friends in Illinois for about a month.

Machinist T. H. Taggart is still in Denver receiving treatment for the injury to his eye. It is thought that the sight of the member is lost.

W. R. Morton, of the Depot hotel, got home from a trip to Topeka Thursday morning. He reports the city election in the capital city quite exciting.

Engine 518 came out of the shops Monday after a general overhaul. Engineer Bush being sick, Engineer Beideman took her out temporarily.

Two engines from the Fairbury division were here Saturday. The crews joined the Buffaloes while here and were well pleased with the initiation.

It is reported that the Rock Island will balast the track from Phillipsburg to Goodland this summer. The road is balasted as far west as Phillipsburg.

Joe Blodgett, of the car department, has resigned. He left Sunday accompanied by his family for Springfield, Mo., where they will make their home.

Conductor Ed Denney was the first Goodland man to join the Buffaloes. He was taken in at Pueblo a few weeks ago, and like a good Buffalo, didn't ask for the change.

Engineer Lon Patrick had an accident on engine 894, a side rod breaking. He pulled in his train, as she was a ten-wheeler, and only one pair of wheels were rendered useless.

Carl Hamilton, formerly a locomotive fireman and later a brakeman on this division, was in town this week meeting old friends. He is a brother of Engineer B. Hamilton and has been railroading in Texas.

Three hundred men of the Eleventh United States infantry, from Atlanta, Ga., passed through Goodland Friday morning en route to the Philippines. The troops were traveling in a special train composed of 13 cars.

Frank Neugebauer, who gave up a position as conductor here a year ago and went to Potawatomie county to engage in farming, has again entered the service of the Rock Island as conductor, with a run from Herington to Pratt.

Dana Stapp, who has lately been employed in the railway machine shops at Goodland, was unfortunate in getting a chip of a piece of steel in his eye one day the fore part of last week. The doctors there were unable to remove the foreign object and Dana came down here and had Dr. Nelson remove it. He will remain at home until the injured optic regains its normal condition. Train No. 6 was double headed in and out Friday morning on account of the snow. Engineer George Fuller was on the lead engine from Goodland here, and he didn't have time to bat an eye all the way down.—Phillipsburg News.

## TOLD IN A LINE.

A dance was given at the opera house last night.

The city council met Thursday night to transact business and will meet again to-night to canvass the returns of the city election.

Snow, mud and fog for better than two weeks makes the average Kansan sigh for sunlight and sing of heaven—"How tedious and tasteless the hour."

I am now prepared to do piano tuning and repairing, having taken a thorough course in this work at the Krell piano factory in Cincinnati. Orders may be left at THE REPUBLIC office.—A. D. Stewart.

A newspaper man in giving the markets, said: Young men, unsteady; papas, firm but declining; mammas, unsettled and waiting for higher bids; coffee, considerably mixed; wheat, a grain better than barley; eggs, quiet, but expected to open shortly; whisky is still going down; onions, strong; breadstuffs, heavy; boots and shoes—those on the market are soled and constantly going up and down; hats and caps are not so high as last year, except foolscap, which is stationary; tobacco, very low and has a downward tendency; silver, close, but not close enough for us to get a hold of.

### WHN Receive Bids.

The board of county commissioners will receive bids from parties to take care of the court house yard.

A. D. KEMMEL, County Clerk.

## A WOMAN VIOLENTLY INSANE.

Mrs. William Troast Found Wandering About in the Snow With Her Three Children, Late Monday Night.

Mrs. William Troast went violently insane Monday night. She has been acting very strangely ever since her return from Iowa last November, where she went to attend the funeral of her mother. Her neighbors had noticed her peculiarities and had been somewhat annoyed and alarmed about her condition. County Attorney Andrews, in response to a request, called on her Sunday afternoon to investigate her condition. He found her acting very queerly and talking very strangely.

Her husband drives the St. Francis mail route and was absent Monday on his usual drive. Late Monday night she was seen by H. A. Bowman and W. C. Johnston to leave the house with her three little girls, one aged 11 years and twins about seven years old. They watched her proceedings and meeting Ed Cole, the men followed her. They found her trailing the children around in the snow in the open space between the G. A. R. hall and the residence of C. E. Swarts. Mr. Swarts was aroused and assisted in intercepting her in her crazy career. In her hallucination she imagined herself and children pursued by Indians. J. M. Jewell, city marshal, was informed and she was taken to her home and carefully watched until morning. On the arrival of her husband Tuesday she was turned over to his care.

The inquiry as to the sanity of Mrs. Troast was held at her home Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Probate Judge Calvert. The jury in the case were Wallace Filer, M. D. Cuthbertson, R. A. Kent, Fred Smalley, J. H. Stewart and Dr. G. R. Brown. A number of witnesses were examined, after which the jury found a verdict of insanity.

The unfortunate woman is violently insane and at times it requires three strong men to control her. She will be sent to the asylum as soon as possible, as the care of her is a terrible task. It is a sad case and there is no hope of her recovery.

### Mrs. Troast Near Death.

The condition of Mrs. William Troast was such yesterday that it was thought she could live but a few days. She became utterly exhausted from her rantings and sank into unconsciousness late Wednesday night, while her respiration reached a low point and was very irregular.

### Masonic Ceremonies.

Yesterday being "Monday Thursday," the Scottish Rite Masons of Goodland met at the residence of J. W. Pack to observe the ceremonies of "extinguishing the tapers." The ceremony is commemorative of the death of Christ. On Sunday they will meet again, it being Easter Sunday, and will "re-light the tapers," a ceremony commemorative of the resurrection of Christ.

Columbia Commandery No. 38, Knights Templar, will attend the Easter services at the Christian church.

### Still Some Buffaloes.

A new secret society called the "Order of Buffaloes" has reached Goodland. It is quite prevalent at present and is said to have worked extensively in Washington during the inaugural exercises. It is the latest form of a polite "oon" game. The candidate is told that the fee is 11 cents. In order to pay the 11-cent fee the candidate usually hands over any amount from 25 cents to \$10. When he asks for his change he is told that "Buffaloes" never give change.

### County High School.

Petitions to the board of county commissioners for the establishment of a county high school are being circulated. If a majority of the voters of the county can be obtained as signers of the petition, the commissioners can establish the school without the expense of submitting the proposition to a vote. Those opposed may sign a remonstrance. If properly handled there is no doubt about a county high school being desirable, and the idea seems to be meeting with favor.

### Board of Railroad Commissioners.

The newly-elected members of the board of railroad commissioners are A. D. Walker, of Holton, republican, for three years; James N. Fike, of Colby, democrat, for two years; and D. W. Finney, of Neosho Falls, republican, for one year. They are allowed \$3,000 a year each as salary, and the board a secretary, at \$1,500, and a stenographer, at \$1,200 a year salary. They meet monthly to hear complaints.

### Bennett Leaves Creditors.

Harry Bennett, a barber who has been working in the Blodgett shop for the past six months, left very unceremoniously last week after borrowing money from several friends about town. It is also said that Bennett was an assumed name, his real name being Gray, and that while he passed as a single man here that he has a wife and child at Wray, Col.